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Valuable Liaison Report
16 November - 15 December 1954

INFO: Chief []

Attn: []

REF: SGAA 12733, 20 November 1954

Headquarters' Action Required:

None; for information and files

Synopsis:

- a. [] returns to Athens 17 November.
- b. Routine meetings held on 19 November, 6 December and 10 December.
- c. Valuable views on Albanian operations reported.

Account of Developments:

1. As reported in reference, [] was due back in Athens for another tour of duty as the SMYOPIA Albanian Desk Officer on 17 November. He arrived on schedule and contacted Wormer on 19 November for a review of recent developments.

2. [] first commented on his mid-November Rome stopover. He felt Malament's election was assured and that in general HTNEIGH was holding together as well as could be expected. He took the view of the executive committee that they were not granted quite enough editorial license with QKPALING and suggested that they be permitted to discuss such issues as the Northern Epirus matter in an "objective" fashion. After a review of the AIKerf matter, mention of past difficulties with QKPALING content, and discussion of the terms of publishing in Rome without direct supervision, [] retreated a bit. The discussion continued with reference to Galip Sojli. The Valuable officer reported on his interrogation and stated that he was convinced Sojli was on the level, though he had been through a tremendous emotional crisis in making a final break from Communism. [] had recommended the man for BBC but according to []

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this was turned down on budgetary grounds with the suggestion the Americans might be interested. The writer then explained we were interested in seeing the man and an interrogation was planned in the near future. Locally, [] reported he was upset by the fact an unidentified Albanian using the name of Faik Gashi had appeared at a local Valuable safehouse o/a 1 November. Within the space of an afternoon this man had gained the confidence of one of the Valuable agents who had been on the 1953 Lucid Mission led by Prenti that ended up in Yugoslavia, and had milked the agent dry on his experiences as well as his present activities including the identity of Peter Wadborg. Apart from brief comments on future operations which are reported below, no other matters of significance were discussed. [] did state however, that John O. Uridge was now living a very quiet life in London outside the swirl of emigre politics despite his job with the BBC Albanian desk. RNPostal identified a certain Deruish Dume as being the spokesman of the new committee in England. This man has apparently made a name for himself in the business world and is currently a director of the Bowater Paper Company. In connection with the recent dedication of this firm's new plant in Tennessee Dume was in the United States. At that time he contacted a variety of Albanians and returned to London quite disgusted with refugee activities, according to [] who found this man an impressive figure when he met him.

3. On 6 December [] telephoned asking if he might drop by to review several matters. First of all he stated he could not provide the writer with a policy statement on F.O. position regarding Albania but would write London to find out what was available. Previously [] had been asked for such a statement in connection with a policy folder we have compiled. As policy was being discussed, a copy of the Dulles Message of 28 November was passed together with copies of the Independence Day issue of QKPALING. [] asked for the material on Sojli we had received from Valuable on a loan basis. It was a relief to him to learn we would oblige in the near future as no one in his office knew what had been passed or what the arrangements were. [] was then briefed verbally on our last two leaflet raids and given copies of the printed matter dropped. In turn he commented upon some press summaries from Bashkimi he had dropped off at the office during the week. Before leaving [] was asked for his support in obtaining surplus articles from Valuable stocks in London and a meeting was set for 11 December in the Valuable office.

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4. The purpose of the meeting on the 11th of the month was to introduce [] to []. Conversation at this brief meeting was general. A memo on our recent overflights was passed to [] who provided the desk with press summaries from Bashkimi for the month of October. These originate in London, are in French, and are of value to the indigenous staff even though they are not detailed. The material on Sojli was returned and a set of recent HTGrubby scripts was passed. Before leaving, [] reported that the article stocks in London were being made available and [] was thanked for his aid.

5. As Valuable's operational plans are of particular interest to KUBARK, the writer noted with interest on 19 November that [] brought up the subject and that his views were almost identical to those expressed by [] to [] reported in SGAA 12762, 22 November 1954. [] al stated without giving any specific reason that leaflet overflights were still ruled out by his service. However, he hoped to continue to show his interest in the Psych program by making such contributions as he could. With respect to agent operations, [] volunteered that he hoped to mount one or more in 1955 provided suitable material could be located. At present he claimed his plans were nebulous.

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